

### LOCAL BOY TELLS VIVID STORY OF TRENCH LIFE

Entertaining letter Received from Arthur Livingston of the Princess Pats, Who Tells Just What it Means to Be Shell Shocked.

#### BURIED BY "RUM JAR" AND HAD TO BE DUG OUT.

The following letter, descriptive of life at the front when the men are in action, is from Pte. Arthur Livingston, son of Police Magistrate Livingston, Brant Avenue, Pte. Livingston, Ont. He is now in the Princess Pats, and was later drafted to the front as part of the Princess Pats. A number of other Brantford boys accompanied him, including Lenora Watson, now on his way home, and Ray Hawkins, evidently considerably under the weather according to Livingston's account.

The letter, in part, follows: Dear People:— Belgium, July 24th, No. 487299.

I hope the whizz-bang I sent from the hospital has not caused you any undue worry but this is the first chance I have had to write a letter to relieve your minds. I won't go so far as to say I am now alright, but there is now no need for worry, as I am getting along nicely and am now back with the rest of the boys.

Apart from myself I fear poor Ray has met with a little misfortune. He came through the little ordeal in the trenches O.K., so I hear, but yesterday was taken back to the hospital to be operated on for appendicitis. Of course what I have heard about his case leaves me very vague in my mind, but I guess the poor kid has done some suffering and we are all pulling strong for him. I expect I shall be able to give you better information regarding him later on, and in the meantime we shall hope that it is not as serious as I hear.

We expect to go back where we were when we first came to France, in a day or so, and if I can write from there I shall do so. I suppose you have heard by now that I and Brant saw each other for a short time before I came up and I now can tell you about having seen him again, but I shall first proceed to tell you of my experience up in the trenches.

One night our bombers pulled off a little assault on Fritz, and according to the reports of this assault the boys had a few casualties. It was none too comfortable in our own trench, let alone in theirs. Well the next night Fritz evidently took it into his head to come back and he did. The excitement started early, and trench mortars, rifle grenades, rum jars and sausages assembled about our trenches in large numbers. Having seen trench mortars and rifle grenades before and still having respect for them, however, my mind was occupied with these rum jars and sausages, which are "some punkins" in the language of the classics. The one beauty of them, if it can be considered such, is that they can be seen. Well, during proceedings we managed to dodge about two dozen of those bally things, and then to keep in training I ran a dead heat with one. Unfortunately I misjudged it, and we arrived simultaneously at the same spot. After a momentary funeral after. Thereupon every available sand bag etc. in the vicinity fell on me and buried me all but my head. I won't try to explain my feelings as I am sure I couldn't, but I had some nevertheless. A rum jar has the power of making a loud noise, a big hole and various other accomplishments, and when all these are completed, it throws stones for half an hour. Being buried is not a nice sensation in itself, but it was not improved any by the condition.

Fortunately a couple of the boys got shovels and started to dig me out, but before they had me half un-

covered, the second edition of the rum jar was seen approaching. The diggers ran, but I could not budge, and I thought my last day had come. I don't know yet how I escaped, but I closed my eyes and waited and I was again buried, but still alive. The diggers came back and started again. Again they had me half uncovered and the same thing happened again. It was just an act of Providence that I escaped, but I am still here. They dug again and along with the help of Lieut. Mitchener they pulled me out. I was in full control of my senses for about ten minutes after and then the strafing had died down. I went down to get a bayonet and saw another rum jar burst quite a way from me but it sent me off my trolley, and I wilted. I was put in a dugout where I slept soundly. I don't know how long, but I dimly remember being shaved into the dressing station and then to the hospital in the ambulance.

I have not been wounded at all but just badly shaken up and suffering from concussion and shell shock. I was treated wonderfully at the hospital and the meals were the best. I am now back with the boys with just a little ear ache and general dizziness, but Lieut. Haggard is trying to keep me from having to go on these working parties. I don't feel quite equal to that yet to tell the truth. My nerves are not quite up to the mark yet, but I hope they get better instead of worse. I think I would about collapse if I heard a lady fired a cracker off now, but as I am quite deaf there is small chance of me hearing it.

I saw Brant and Doug Jones just before I came up last night. Both are looking well. I am about all in now, so shall wait till I feel a little better before I write again. I'll feel better if you don't worry, so just forget. Love to all.

Your loving son, ART.

**EARNINGS FOR MAY**  
By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Winnipeg, Aug. 16.—Winnipeg Electric Railway earnings for May, just published, were \$192,277, an increase of \$16,527 over last year. For the first five months this year the increase over the corresponding months last year was \$5,939, slightly over one per cent.

**ITALIAN STEAMER SUNK**  
By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, Aug. 16.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the 2,500 ton Italian steamship Teti in the Mediterranean. Part of the crew were landed at Genoa.

**DRANK BUTTER COLORING**  
By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Broadview, Sask., Aug. 16.—The wife and baby of James McKinnon, a farmer living near here, are dead from drinking butter coloring.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**



THE SAMAR (SHAME-FE) TWINS.  
Wonder little Filipino boys, now six years of age, who were born together and must go through life in that manner. They are one of the most interesting and educational exhibits here with the Con. T. Kennedy shows.

### COMMITTEE URGES A WRITERS UNION

Says Federation of Labor Would Help Get the Universal Copyright.

#### SEES NO INJURY TO DIGNITY.

Believes Support of Two and a half Million Workers Would Be Beneficial.

The Committee on Affiliation with the American Federation of Labor of the Authors' League of America has issued a 3,600 word statement setting forth the advantages the committee believes writers would obtain from being unionized. The question is to be settled within six months by a referendum vote of the league's members.

Affiliation with the Federation of Labor according to the committee's statement, would help the league in four of its most important purposes and problems. It would give the league more power to correct abuses prevalent in the motion-picture field; it would aid the league in its negotiations for standard contracts in the publishing, magazine, and theatrical business; would help the league in its endeavor to secure universal copyright and to put the United States in the International Copyright League, thereby automatically securing world-wide copyright protection for any matter copyrighted in America; and it would aid the league in procuring other legislation which may be desirable to secure the rights of authors, the statement says.

The Federation of Labor, says the committee, has agreed that the league shall retain its complete autonomy. Thus, the statement says, the league would have all the liberty of an independent organization, as well as the advantages coming from a large organization.

"Individuals would have exactly the same rights as they now possess, of criticizing the American Federation of Labor, or of petitioning labor conditions in writings," the committee says.

In the opinion of the committee, conditions in the motion-picture industry are more unsatisfactory than in any other field in which an author is active.

"The author is practically at the mercy of irresponsible and dishonest producers," the statement recites. "Privacy is rampant and redress uncertain. Copyright questions are obscure and contract matters are chaotic."

Next to the motion-picture industry, says the committee, conditions are worst in the dramatic field, and so far as the established dramatic author is concerned, he has small cause for complaint. With the new author the case is different. "Plays are frequently held by a manager as long as six months and then returned without comment. And after a play has been accepted contracts vary so widely and for the most part are drawn so carefully in favor of the manager that the new author with a success is apt to get little compared to the amount he should receive."

As far as the higher class of publishers and managers are concerned, the committee thinks that conditions in the book and magazine business are the best with which the league has to deal.

With practically the entire motion-picture industry unionized, with the book and magazine field except the authors organized, the committee asserts that should the Authors' League also affiliate with the American Fed-

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### Work Conserves Dignity

"Possibly it may occur to some that affiliation with the American Federation of Labor might not be in keeping with their dignity as artists."

The signers of this report believe that if they, as individuals, have dignity, it comes from their work and personal characters. If they do not have it they have forfeited it because of their work or their personal characters, and being affiliated with the American Federation of Labor will not harm or help their dignity. Your committee feels that dignity, in the true meaning of the word, depends upon one's own sense of self-respect; and that self-respect in turn depends very largely upon whether one is working under fair conditions for fair pay.

Since your committee believes that affiliation will help improve conditions of authorship, your committee also believes that it will help increase dignity of the artist.

The committee submitting the statement signing affiliation is composed of:— Thompson Burdhan, chairman; Franklin P. Adams, Gertrude Atherton, Mary Austin, Josephine Daskam Bacon, George Barr, Baker Rex, Neville Buck, Ellis Parker Butler, Robert W. Chambers, Edmund Vance Cooke, Marjorie Benton Cooke, John G. Harra, Charles C. Jewett, James Oliver Curwood, Reginald deKoven, Walter Dill Scott, Edna, Salisbury Field, Sewell Ford, Mary E. Wilkins, Freeman, Eleanor Gates, Dana Galin, Johnston, Reginald Wright Kaulfman, Paul Kester, Cleaves Kirkhead, W. J. Lampton, Julie M. Lippmann, Roy L. McCordell, George Barr McCutcheon, Arthur T. McFarlane, Harold Manners, Percy Mackaye, J. Hartley M. Masson, Margaret Mayo, Samuel Merwin, Alice Duer Miller, Cleveland Moffett, Frederick Ferdinand Moore, Peter Newell, Kathleen Norris, Harvey J. O'Higgins, Rose O'Neill, Wil-

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### THE WIDE-AWAKE DAISY

I must tell you the tale of the daisy who couldn't attend to her own affairs. Most of the daisies in the meadow in which she lived grew pretty drowsy in the late afternoon sunlight and by the time the sun had set were sound asleep. But the wide-awake daisy, like many a mortal boy and girl, hated to close her petals and go to sleep.

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